



CZAR NICHOLAS AND HIS FAMILY.

The amiable young Autocrat of All the Russias, who is making such a triumphal progress through Europe, is essentially a family man. Unlike Emperor William of Germany, he has fortunately little taste for things military. He is a quiet, modest, thoughtful and rather delicate young man and fully realizes the enormous responsibility of his position. The Czarina, formerly Princess Alix of Hesse, is a strong-minded, dignified woman who there is reason to believe "bosses the imperial show." Their little daughter, Grand Duchess Olga Nicolaievna, is just one year old.

#### A RAID BY THE KURDS

An almost daily occurrence during the past year in that once fair but now desolate country, Armenia, were incidents like the one depicted on the opposite page. Many were the nights when the Kurds swept down upon some peaceful village and before the startled inhabitants could rise from their beds their enemies were among them. In less time than it takes to tell, the mangled corpses of men and children and those women whom the Kurds could not carry off made the streets hideous, while the once happy homes went up in flames and the raiders made off with their struggling captives, for whom a fate worse than death was reserved.

There was no "kiss of circumstance" in the embrace that passed between Victoria of England and Alexandra of Russia when the latter arrived at Balmoral. All the formal etiquette of the court was thrown aside and the Czarina's greeting was of the same unrestrained affectionate character as it was wont to be, in the old days, when she sat upon her kind old grandmother's knee and was rocked to sleep in her arms.



A REALLY AFFECTIONATE IMPERIAL EMBRACE.

Great was the surprise and joy of the Scandinavian explorer Nansen when the English explorer Jackson accidentally happened upon him a few months ago in the land of eternal ice and snow, and gave news of civilization. The two hardy adventurers enjoyed a few days sport together before Nansen set out on his return to his native fjords and Jackson continued on his way northward. Dr. Nansen avers that the finest sport in the world is to be had in arctic hunting ground, and in proof of this he shows many trophies.



DR. NANSEN SHOOTING LOONS.



Raw.



Agricultural.



French



German



American.



Native

"SKETCH" TYPES OF LONDON VISITORS.